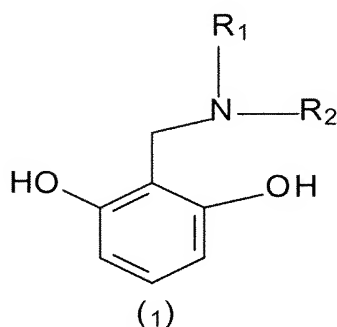


LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A compound of formula (1):



wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C₁ to C₅ alkyl, C₁ to C₅ mono or dihydroxyalkyl, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with a hydroxyl, amino or C₁ to C₃ alkoxy group, and R₂ is selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₅ mono or dihydroxyalkyl, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with a hydroxyl or amino group.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) A compound of Claim 1 wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a C₁ to C₃ alkyl group, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with an alkoxy group, and R₂ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and benzyl.

Claim 3 (Original) A compound of Claim 2 wherein R₁ is hydrogen and R₂ is phenyl.

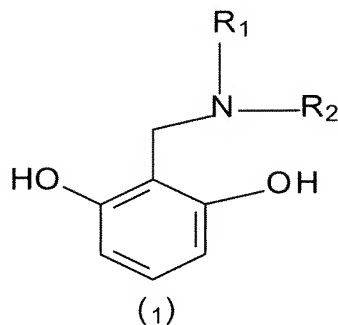
Claims 4-24 (Canceled)

Claim 25 (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

2-phenylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;
2-(pyridin-3-yl-aminomethyl)-benzene-1,3-diol;
2-dimethylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;
2-dihydroxyethylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;
2-hydroxymethylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;
2-benzylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;
2-aminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol; and
2-(2-methoxy)phenylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn). A hair dyeing composition comprising, in a suitable carrier or vehicle, an effective hair dyeing amount of:

- (A) at least one primary intermediate, and
- (B) at least one coupler comprising a compound of the formula (1):



wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_5 alkyl, C_1 to C_5 mono or dihydroxyalkyl, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with a hydroxyl, amino or C_1 to C_3 alkoxy group, and R_2 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_5 mono or dihydroxyalkyl, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with a hydroxyl or amino group.